

Applicant requests the following Amendments be entered:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A sparkless mining light comprising:

a light module, the light module including a semiconductor chip capable of emitting generally monochromatic light, a wavelength shifting coating on said chip for converting generally monochromatic light emitted by said semiconductor chip to white light which is useful for at least partially illuminating an interior of an underground mine,

said chip including epitaxial layers located on a substrate, the material from which the substrate is made being selected from the group of materials consisting of Si, GaAs, GaN, ZnS, ZnSe, InP, Al₂O₃, SiC, GaSb, and InAs,

a primary heat sink to which said semiconductor chip is attached with a light reflective adhesive,

a dissipation heat sink having geometrical features to aid in heat dissipation, said primary heat sink being in heat conductance with said dissipation heat sink,

a heat conductive agent between said primary and said dissipating heat sinks;

a heat conductance path originating at said semiconductor chip where heat is produced by said chip when it is powered and emitting light, said heat conductance path thence to said primary heat sink and thence to said dissipating heat sink, said dissipating heat sink having a greater internal volume than said primary heat sink,

at least one remote battery pack, said battery pack and said light module being physically separate for mounting in separate locations ~~on a mining helmet~~, said remote battery pack being in electrical communication with said light module so

that said remote battery pack may provide electrical power for powering operation of the mining light;

a magnetic switch that utilizes a magnetic field to initiate and terminate electrical connection of the light module to a battery pack, said magnetic switch being airtight;

said remote battery pack and said light module being operable with each other in sparkless fashion in order to avoid igniting any flammables which may be present within an underground mine.

2. Cancelled.
3. Cancelled.
4. (Original Claim) A device as recited in claim 3, further comprising a strap for securing said two battery packs on opposite sides of a mining helmet.
5. Cancelled
6. Cancelled.
7. (Original Claim) A device as recited in claim 1 further comprising a light reflector in said light module, said light reflector serving to gather light emitted by said semiconductor chip and reflecting it as a useful light beam.
8. (Original Claim) A device as recited in claim 1 wherein said semiconductor chip is selected from the group consisting of light emitting diode chips, LED chip arrays, laser diodes, vertical cavity surface emitting lasers, VCSEL arrays, edge emitting lasers, surface emitting lasers and photon recycling devices.
9. (Original Claim) A device as recited in claim 1 wherein at least one of said heat sinks includes a material selected from the group consisting of copper, aluminum, silver, magnesium,

steel, silicon carbide, boron nitride, tungsten, molybdenum, cobalt, chrome, Si, SiO₂, SiC, AlSi, AlSiC, and diamond.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A sparkless mining light comprising:

a light module, the light module including a semiconductor chip capable of emitting generally monochromatic light, said chip including epitaxial layers located on a substrate, the material from which the substrate is made being selected from the group of materials consisting of Si, GaAs, GaN, ZnS, ZnSe, InP, Al₂O₃, SiC, GaSb, and InAs,

a wavelength shifting coating for converting generally monochromatic light emitted by said semiconductor chip to white light-useful for illuminating the interior of an underground mine,

a primary heat sink to which said semiconductor chip is attached with a light reflective adhesive,

a secondary heat sink, having heat dissipation geometry and to which said primary heat sink is directly or indirectly attached, said primary heat sink and said secondary heat sink being in heat conductance with each other, and

heat conducting agent between said primary and said secondary heat sinks;

a sparkless magnetic switch that utilizes a magnetic field to initiate and terminate electrical connection of the light module to a battery pack in order to initiate and terminate light emission from the mining light, said magnetic switch being airtight, and

a at least one remote battery pack, said battery pack and said light module being physically separate for mounting in separate locations ~~on a mining helmet~~, said remote battery pack being in sparkless electrical communication with said light module so that said remote battery pack may provide electrical power for powering operation of the mining light

a strap for securing at least one battery pack on a mining helmet.

13. Cancelled.
14. Cancelled.
15. Cancelled.
16. Cancelled.
17. (Original Claim) A device as recited in claim 12 further comprising a light reflector in said light module, said light reflector serving to gather light emitted by said semiconductor chip and reflecting it as a useful light beam.
18. (Original Claim) A device as recited in claim 12 wherein said semiconductor chip is selected from the group consisting of light emitting diode chips, LED chip arrays, laser diodes, vertical cavity surface emitting lasers, VCSEL arrays, edge emitting lasers, surface emitting lasers and photon recycling devices.
19. (Original Claim) A device as recited in claim 12 wherein at least one of said heat sinks includes a material selected from the group consisting of copper, aluminum, silver, magnesium, steel, silicon carbide, boron nitride, tungsten, molybdenum, cobalt, chrome, Si, SiO₂, SiC, AlSi, AlSiC, and diamond.
20. (Cancelled)
21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A sparkless mining light comprising:

a light module, the light module including a semiconductor chip capable of emitting light when electrically powered, said light emitted by said semiconductor chip being useful for at least partial illumination of the interior of an underground mine, said chip including epitaxial layers located on a substrate, the material from which the substrate is made being selected from the group of materials consisting of Si, GaAs, GaN, ZnS, ZnSe, InP, Al₂O₃, SiC, GaSb, and InAs,

a primary heat sink to which said semiconductor chip is attached using a light reflective adhesive,

a secondary heat sink to which said primary heat sink is directly ~~or indirectly~~ attached, said primary heat sink and said secondary heat sink being in heat conductance with each other and secured together with a thermally conductive agent, and an airtight and sparkless magnetic switch that utilizes a magnetic field to initiate and terminate electrical connection of the light module to a battery pack, said magnetic switch being airtight, and

a battery pack, said battery pack being in sparkless electrical communication with said light module so that said remote battery pack may provide electrical power for powering operation of the mining light without igniting flammables within the mine.